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ALEPPO NOBLES SERVING IN OUR ARMED SERVICE

NAMES of Aleppo Nobles called to the colors were printed in last month's issue of the News. A request was made that we be advised of all Nobles of Aleppo serving in the armed forces of our country that a complete record might be made of the same.

In addition to the names formerly printed, we add the following:

Noble Gaspar G. Bacon, former Lt. Governor of Massachusetts, has been appointed to a commission of Major in the U. S. Air Corps and has reported for duty in Washington.

Noble Bacon has had a long legal and political career in Boston, served during the World War and was discharged in February, 1919, with the rank of Major in the Field Artillery. He was a Lieutenant-Colonel in the 26th Division, Massachusetts National Guard, until 1935, since which time he has been a reserve officer.

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Noble William P. Ragsdale was recently commissioned a Lieutenant in the Navy and as such was assigned to duty as a primary gunnery instructor for Naval cadets.

Noble Ragsdale is located at the Naval Air Base at Pensacola, Florida. He is well known throughout the country as one of the top rank skeet shooters and at present holds the .410 gauge skeet championship in Massachusetts. Both the Army and Navy have accepted skeet shooting as well adapted to primary gunnery training for future air men.

Lt. Com. Noble David Sherman of Swampscott is attending military school at Camp Lee, Va.

Noble James McE. Huey is serving with the U. S. Navy in Honolulu, T. H.

A recent change of address was received from Lt. Com. Joseph Simon from the U. S. S. Minneapolis to 147 Olympic Ave., Bremerton, Washington.

Col. Geo. J. Richards, a Noble of Aleppo, is located in Washington, D. C., serving as a Colonel in the General Staff.

Noble Frederick K. Hall is stationed at the Boston Quartermasters' Depot at the Army Base, Boston, in the War Plans Division. Noble Hall is Captain, Q. M. C.

One of our old timers, Noble Nat Lillie, advised us that his son, Noble

Douglass G. Lillie, is a private with the Marines and is located at present at the Recruiting Depot, Marine Barracks, Parris Island, So. Carolina.

Noble L. C. McEwan of Gloucester, Mass. has been on active duty as a Lt. Commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve since November, 1940. He is stationed with the First Naval District, 150 Causeway and is the staff engineering officer for that district.

In response to our request the following letter was received from Noble Le Gros:

"Dear Noble:

"I noticed in the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS, that members in the armed forces should notify you, so being a good old Navy man, I am carrying out orders.

"It just happens that during World War I, I joined Aleppo in 1918 while serving as Drill Officer at Harvard University.

"Little did I think that I would be serving in World War II when No. I was over, but here I am, instructing Naval R. O. T. C. students at the University of Michigan.

"Was called back into service from the retired list, after being out twenty-two years, so feel as though I am just a kid starting all over again.

"Am a little shaky, but spry enough to help lick those Japs and we can do it in a hurry if we all pull together.

"I enjoy the MONTHLY NEWS very

much, and wish you all the success in the world.

"Fraternally,

"ARTHUR E. LE GROS,
"1328 Washtenaw,
"Ann Arbor, Mich."

The ALEPPO NEWS will be very glad to hear from more Nobles in the service or any of their interesting experiences. Address the information to ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.



IT IS PLEASANT TO REMEMBER THAT—

TWO-THIRDS of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons.

General LaFayette was made a Mason at Valley Forge by General George Washington, and when LaFayette returned to visit America in 1825, he had with him his son, George Washington LaFayette, who was a member of the craft.

The first Freemason in America was John Monroe who came from England in 1680.

The oldest Masonic Lodges are St. John's Lodge in Boston (1733) and Solomon's Lodge in Savannah, Ga. (1735).

The first Masonic Hall in America was erected in Philadelphia in 1734.

COMING EVENTS OF ALEPPO TEMPLE

Shrine Luncheon—Tuesday, April 28, Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, 12:30 P. M.

New Bedford Shrine Club—Annual Potentate's Night. Wednesday, May 6, New Bedford Hotel, New Bedford, Mass. All Shriners invited. Dinner at 6:30 P. M.

Spring Ceremonial—Friday, May 22, Mechanics Building, Boston. (Subject to change.)

Shrine Luncheon—Tuesday, May 26, Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston, 12:30 P. M.

NOTES OF NOBLES

AT the recent celebration in observance of the 172nd anniversary of Tyrian Lodge of Gloucester, one of the two outstanding features of the occasion was the presentation to Noble Frank H. Davis of a Veteran's Medal. This medal signifies 50 years of service to Masonry and is presented by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The other feature was the remembrance to the Senior Warden of the Lodge, Noble Norman H. Thurston. Noble Thurston is now awaiting a call for induction in the United States Army.

In recognition of his unabated accomplishments to Lu Lu Temple of Philadelphia, Potentate William Heim was reelected by the Nobles of that Temple to serve as their Potentate for the 9th consecutive term.

Potentate Heim, who is Imperial Marshal of the Imperial Council, was enthusiastically cheered by the Nobles of Lu Lu upon his reelection.

According to Noble Louis Chackes who gathers the information for the Imperial Council Shrine News, any wandering Shriner who may find himself on the Yukon in Alaska, is assured of a hearty welcome at the settlement where the Tenana River joins the Yukon.

Noble Bill Thompson who is the main factotum of the district of 10,000 miles is U. S. Commissioner, Marshal, Justice of the Peace, Coroner, Probate Judge, etc. This Noble of Nile Temple makes it a point to search out and provide for all fez wearers visiting his area.

Our Imperial Recorder, James H. Price of Richmond, who served Virginia as Governor following his elevation from the position of Lt. Governor, was recently succeeded by former Congressman Colgate W. Darden, Jr., who is the present High Priest and Prophet of Khedive Temple of Norfolk, Va.

Governor Darden is a Veteran of the French Army in World War I and a Combat Pilot of the Marine Corps whose career ended in a plane crash at the front at the age of 19.

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WINDING THEIR WAY around the ballroom floor, Potentate Wilson and Chief Rabban Lombard and their ladies lead the Grand March at the Potentate's Ball held March 20 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Boston. They were followed by more than 800 couples beautifully gowned and bedecked in red fezzes, making a color scheme unequalled by a rainbow.

Left to right—Mrs. Wilson, Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Mrs. Lombard and Chief Rabban Willard P. Lombard.

A recent announcement sent out by Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters stated that Brig-Gen. Patrick J. Hurley had been sworn in as U. S. Minister to New Zealand after reverting to inactive status in the U. S. Army.

Brig-Gen. Hurley, who like Gen. MacArthur is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, assumed the ministership April 1 in Wellington, capitol of New Zealand.

One of Shrinedom's real old timers, Noble E. S. Knowles, who has served El Riad Temple of Sioux Falls, So. Dakota as its Recorder since 1898, declined re-election this year. His Temple remembered the efficient and capable service of this dean of Recorders by electing him Recorder Emeritus.

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Illustrious Noble George Alonzo Shackford

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Died in Sharon, Massachusetts, April 8, 1942

Member of

Past Master, Good Samaritan Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,
of Reading — April 13, 1892 — Fifty year member

Past High Priest, Reading Royal Arch Chapter, of Reading
St. Omer Commandery No. 21, Knights Templar,
of Dorchester — June 17, 1912

Boston Lafayette Lodge of Perfection — April 2, 1897

Giles F. Yates Council, P. of J. — April 9, 1897

Mount Olivet Chapter of Rose Croix — April 16, 1897

Massachusetts Consistory — April 23, 1897

Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. — May 26, 1897

Illustrious Potentate, Aleppo Temple — Dec. 1911 to Dec. 1914

Representative to the Imperial Council from Aleppo Temple,
1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916, 1917, 1918,
1919, 1921, 1922 and 1923



BY VAIL K HAAK.
Associate Editor

WHEN this column is read by the Nobility in April another successful bowling season will have been completed. At this writing there is only one more match left and the roll-off for the Potentate's Trophy and ALEPPO NEWS Trophy.

Dick Halladay's team has again walked off with the top honors, while the second place cannot be decided until the last night. Jones still leads in the averages with 108, and Milton Kerr and Harold Chase are fighting it out for runner up. Chase still holds the high 3 string with 403, while Jones has the high single of 152. Yours truly (believe it or not) is runner up in both these departments with 376 and 149.

The high ten rollers in the league are the following in the order given: Jones, Chase, Kerr, Hill, Gordon, Haak, Roberts, Hoyt, Hancock, Robbins.

The speed ball king, Rex Roberts, has been sojourning for the past 3 weeks in Biloxi, Mississippi, but will be available for the roll-off.

Complete news of the winners in the next edition.



THE SHRINER'S UNWRITTEN LAW

"HE is expected to always wear displayed the emblem of the Order, and he must always recognize it when worn by other men. There should be no formalities of introduction between Shriners.

"The Fez is his hall mark. He must wear it on occasions in which the Shrine as a body joins. He does not remove his Fez indoors nor in salutation except at the necrology in reverence to our illustrious dead. He must be very certain not to wear it in any place where he would not take his wife, mother, sister or daughter.

"He is never to forget that while his Order is not a branch of the great Masonic profession, he himself is a part and, however humble that part, it is within his power by misconduct to bring reproach upon that which is akin to the Body. He is also to remember that in the eyes of the profane, the Shrine is Masonry. Distinctions and differences, to him a matter of course, are to others unknown.

"To him the emblem of the Shrine worn by a woman places her under his special care and protection, nor may he avoid the responsibility. Its presence does not license him to speak, but it does compel a constant watchfulness over her safety and comfort. He knows it to be the proudest boast of the Order that a woman wearing this insignia may travel alone from the Atlantic to the Pacific free from insult and annoyance."—*Exchange*.

SHRINE CLUB, SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

THE Annual Meeting of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts was held on Wednesday evening, March 18, in Gulf Hall in New Bedford.

The Nobles assembled early in the evening and after a social hour enjoyed an individual chicken pie dinner served as only Joe Fernandes can serve it. After the supper the annual election was held and upon recommendation of the nominating committee the following officers were elected without opposition:

William Stitt, President
Norman Renne, Vice President
Andrew P. Lonergan, 2nd Vice President
Charles E. Davis, Jr., Secretary
William Kenworthy, Treasurer.

The Board of Governors comprises the above officers and the following Nobles, who were also elected:

William Beserosky, Dr. Frank Birtwistle, Jack Greenberg and James Lees.

The Board of Trustees for the Crippled Children's Fund of the Club is now made up of Nobles F. J. Heywood, F. J. Denby and John T. Kirk.

After a review of the year's work by the President and Secretary, it was voted unanimously that the Annual Potentate's Night be held as usual, the feeling among the Nobles being that we should hold this important event rather than pass it up just when there is so much doing. The Potentate was contacted and suggested the date of Wednesday, May 6, 1942, and we expect all hands to get busy and put this event over in the usual way.

It was also voted during the evening that the Trustees of the Crippled Children's Fund be instructed to purchase a \$1,000 Defense Bond to be added to the Fund.

After the business meeting an entertainment was provided which lasted about an hour and a half. The sentiment of the evening seemed to be that we should have more of this type of meeting in order to keep up the general morale.

We find that many of our members are at this time busy with various types of work for Civil Defense. All seem to be working in some way for their country as State Guards, Air Raid Wardens, First Aid, or many of the other jobs which need to be done in these days.

Noble Ernest J. Heyden, who recently received the 50 Year Medal from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, has another celebration this month. He and Mrs. Heyden will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on April 20, 1942, at Fairhaven. We all congratulate Ernest and Mrs. Heyden.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF ALEPPO PASSES AWAY

THE well known fraternal editor of the *Quincy Patriot Ledger*, Noble George A. Rhodes, will be greatly missed on the South Shore by the many thousands of members of fraternal organizations in that area due to his untimely death on Thursday, March 19, 1942.

Noble Rhodes, who joined Aleppo Temple January, 1935, has been a contributing associate editor of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS since its inception in 1935, keeping the Nobles and their families on the South Shore informed on Shrine matters in his monthly column South Shore Shrine News.

Noble Rhodes, who was 64 years old, was a veteran newspaper man and has been a member of the *Quincy Patriot Ledger* for nearly 20 years, most of which time he has served on the city staff, as Lodge Editor. He covered over 200 lodges and fraternal organizations in Quincy and its vicinity and it was estimated that he himself belonged to more than 100 lodges.

In tribute, Mayor Thomas S. Bergen, himself a member of Aleppo, ordered the flag on City Hall, Quincy, lowered until after Noble Rhodes' funeral.

Services were held on Sunday, March 22, at the Quincy Masonic Temple and burial was in the family lot at Mt. Wollaston Cemetery.

Noble Rhodes will be missed a great deal by many members of organizations with whom he had come in contact and readers of ALEPPO NEWS will miss reading his monthly column, South Shore News, which was always especially interesting and informative.

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BY J. ARTHUR MCCOY

Associate Editor

THE Potentate's Ball of March 20 went off with the usual eclat and enjoyment—the unusual being that every member of the platoons was present (a new record) and every man appeared in a new well-fitting uniform. The committee used good judgment in designing the uniforms, so that they can be put on without valeting and the sashes are all of the same width. Thanks are due to Quartermaster Charlie Taylor, who put in many extra hours so that everybody was "suited."

Noble Charles W. Baker, our oldest member in point of service, died suddenly at his home in Weymouth, March 10. Funeral services were held at the First Universalist Church, Weymouth Landing, Friday, March 13. He was a member of Delta Lodge, Pent-alpha Chapter and South Shore Commandery. As Captain of the Weymouth Police, he was active until the day of his death. Noble Baker joined the Patrol in 1911, and has attended practically every tour of the units up to the last two years. He will long be remembered by all the older members.

Noble William P. Morganstern, recently of the first platoon, is now a foreman and instructor in the Consolidated Steel Corporation in Orange, Texas. As president of the board of governors of the foremen's association, he is active in organizing company effort for the assistance of the men in military and naval service.

We welcome to the patrol a new member this month, Arthur C. Johnson, of Rockmere Garden, West Lynn. Noble Johnson is an engineer at the General Electric Company. He is a member of Golden Fleece Lodge, Berkshire Chapter, and Olivet Commandery and is assigned to the second platoon.

Bert Walke, our horticulturist of the third platoon, ran away with the two major honors at the annual Flower Show. The firm of William T. Walke and Sons Inc. of Salem comprises the father and two sons, Bert and William, Jr. They won the president's cup (second time) and also the gold medal award of the Horticultural Society of New York for the most beautiful exhibit in the show. The exhibit was an exquisite garden of amaryllis—glowing reds, delicate pinks and beautiful white blooms. The Walkes made thousands of attempts to cultivate the pure white blooms of this tropical flower before they were successful.

I have long wanted to get news of our men who enter the service. First there was Gordon Chapman, then George Tufts and others. It would be interesting too, to know about Patrol members who, unable to enter the ranks themselves, have sons, brothers and other relatives who have entered the service. Now, with Frank Morrill's cooperation, I believe that we can get

this information. To start, I learned that Henry Keough's brother, Capt. Wesley Keough, is in the air service at Pasadena, Cal. He was an air pilot in the first World War. Russ Lynn's son, Lieutenant Melvin R. Lynn, is also in the air service at Jackson, Miss. He is taking advanced training for flight officer. Russ' new son-in-law, too, John Messina, has just become a lieutenant at Fort Benning, Georgia. Al Thorley's young son, Fred, has also "joined up" and is getting his preliminary training. We wish them all Godspeed.



OUR DUTY

EVERY Noble should practice the tenets of his obligation to his fellow man and to his country that he took at the altar of Masonry.

What are you doing to carry on the Light which you received, and to keep it ever burning throughout the world?

Do the sacrifices of your Masonic forefathers in the establishment of this great country the framing of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution mean anything to you toward their perpetuation in these days of strife between the forces of Democracy and the Axis?

Are you giving your personal assistance to your Masonic Bodies to aid them in practicing the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man?

These are not just trifling questions for your casual perusal, but are very pertinent at this moment when we consider the number of countries where the Light of Masonry has been extinguished by dictatorial powers, that seek to stamp out all organizations of thinking people.

The united efforts of the two and a half million Masons in our country must be aroused to prevent such an occurrence in our own land. Think seriously, brethren, and work.

—CLIPPED.

The Second Platoon of the Arab Patrol, under the command of Lieut. Beckman, have accepted an invitation to give an exhibition drill at the Ladies' Night to be held by Bethlehem Lodge in Pythian Castle, Market Street, Lynn, on Friday, May 1.

Lieut. Leslie Dixon with his Third Platoon of the Patrol will give an exhibition drill at Fraternity Lodge of Newtonville at their meeting to be held in the Masonic Temple of that city, April 17.

WHY WORRY, NOBLE?

THERE are only two reasons for worry: Either you are successful, or you are not successful.

If you are successful there is nothing to worry about. If you are not successful there are only two things to worry about:—Either your health is good, or you are sick. If your health is good there is nothing to worry about.

If you are sick there are only two things to worry about:—Either you are going to get well or you are going to die. If you are going to get well there is nothing to worry about.

If you are going to die there are only two things to worry about:—You are either going to heaven or you are not going to heaven; and if you are going to heaven there is nothing to worry about.

If you are going to the other place you'll be so busy shaking hands with old friends you won't have time to worry. So why worry?

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BY NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

PRECEDING the Potentate's Ball of March 20, 1942, Aleppo Degree Staff enjoyed a wonderful Copley-Plaza dinner. Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., acted as host. The indispensable Zepp acted as Master of Ceremonies and gave to the Degree Staff, something new. On the back of our dinner tickets Zepp had printed a theme song sung to the tune of You Are My Sunshine. The words are as follows:

"We're the Degree Staff of Famed Aleppo,
We work the Hot Sands, we pull Duds cold.
We'd like to use you,
We won't abuse you,
If you can 'take it'
You'll be a Man."

More than thirty-five were in attendance including members and their ladies, and for the first time, we had an opportunity to meet the charming Mrs. Wilson and their lovely daughter. Mrs. Wilson very graciously provided corsages for the ladies. It was a swell time and we all enjoyed it.

Our Associate Director Stanley Stedfast was unable to be present, but Frank Watson kept things running in fine shape. Guy Sargent rendered many mellow baritone solos. Sid Abbott's platinum blonde turned out to be our old pal George Newman, grayer than ever. Carl Priest provided balloons. In the absence of a chaplain to lead us in prayer, Zepp called for the singing of America before sitting down to dinner.

After dinner, we attended the Potentate's Ball and witnessed the patrol passing in review wearing their gorgeous new uniforms. This is the first party of 1942 and it certainly is only the beginning, as no group can collectively enjoy themselves as the Degree Staff do.



AMERICAN CREDO

I WAS born an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American; and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career. I mean to do this with absolute disregard of personal consequences. What are personal consequences? What is the individual man, with all the good or evil that may betide him, in comparison with the good or evil which may befall a great country in a crisis like this, and in the midst of great transactions which concern that country's fate? Let the consequences be what they will, I am careless. No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffer or if he fall, in defense of the liberties and Constitution of his country.

—DANIEL WEBSTER.

Mounted Patrol News

THE Mounties are getting into the habit of having a party about once a month after their drill at the home of one of their Troopers. This innovation is proving very popular with Aleppo's cavalry outfit and troopers hope that the practice will continue.

Following the drill of Friday the 13th of March the boys all adjourned to the home of the Barraclough's for a swell dinner of fish chowder and all the fixings.

In spite of it being Friday the 13th the Mounties showed up in good numbers for the drill, perhaps with one eye on the coming party that evening.

Past Captain Reece picked a fiery steed and gave a spirited exhibition of equestrianism. Past Captain Burnham ran the troop as in days of yore and Past Captain Holmes sat on the side lines and wished he was on a horse. Rookie Allan Pierce would appear to be a chip off the old block. Major Potter was among those present and was probably AWOL from Camp Devens.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Troopers were guests of Mrs. Barraclough at the dinner which followed the Mounted Drill.

After the dinner a short business meeting was held by the Troopers followed by dancing, and a general good time was enjoyed by all. "Versatile Barry" brought out his "squeeze box" and entertained by rendering a few choice selections to the delight of his guests.

Captain "Whit" Ireland did a rushing business selling tickets for the Shrine Bridge Party which was held the afternoon of the Potentate's Ball on March 20, which many of the Troopers attended and enjoyed.



WHY NOT LAUGH AND BE HAPPY?

EVERY man loves consistency. Every man realizes that there are professions and conduct which mix no better than oil and water.

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No man can consistently wear a Shrine button and a grouch, a fez and

a frown. We live in a world where worry and care make vertical lines between the eyebrows and furrow the forehead like the corrugations of a washboard, cut deep curved wrinkles from the nose to the chin, which makes mouths appear to be in parenthesis. Men who love the Shrine smooth out these wrinkles with the upturned wrinkles of laughter.

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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING

Associate Editor

"IT AIN'T NECESSARILY SO"

SEVERAL inquired last month if we were defunct, but "It ain't necessarily so." We were AWOL in the last issue, however, but "There's a Reason" (and we are not advertising Grape Nuts when we make that assertion). The fact was we were so darned busy making out our annual reports that we had no time to run a typewriter. Then again, there "ain't no news" of late, and our imagination was not hitting on all six cylinders.

We were glad to see Noble "Bill" Koenig back on the job after his long absence. The old arm is getting into shape and he can blow the clarinet with all his old time "wim and wigor."

Noble Harvey Dearborn, who used to play alto in the band, has been in business down in Florida for the past few years, but things are pretty "flat" down South just at present and he is back in New England temporarily, and showed up at the band room recently. While in Florida, Harvey accumulated a son-in-law, who came North with him. Said son-in-law had never seen the snow and was looking forward to enjoying that experience, but Dame Nature, the fickle female, refused to accommodate him with even a little bit of a snow storm. It looks now as though he will have to come again when snow storms are more prevalent than this winter.

We were surprised, and sorry, to learn at a recent band rehearsal, that Noble John Soderland died some time ago. This was the first intimation we had of his passing away, as no notice had been received by the band at the time, and he had not been attending rehearsals for a year or so before his death. This news was received in a peculiar way—Noble John Gray met a young lady at some function and in the course of conversation, finding that John was a Shriner, she spoke of her father having been a member of the band when alive, and it turned out that her father was Noble Soderland.

Noble "Cy" Wilton still packs a cigar lighter in every pocket and we wondered why. The other night the mystery was solved. Cy tried to get a light from one of them but it wouldn't work; he tried another without results, but the third one produced the necessary light. So that explains it—If at first you don't succeed try, try another one.

We were very sorry to learn of the sudden death of Noble George A. Rhodes, one of the associate editors of the News, and Lodge editor of the *Quincy Patriot Ledger*. He was a member of more fraternal societies and clubs than any man in the state, and is sincerely mourned by a host of friends. His daily column in the *Patriot Ledger* was looked forward to by thousands of fraternalists in the southeastern part of the state. We often wondered how Noble Rhodes kept up the pace, for he must have spent on

an average, six nights a week attending lodge and club functions. He died in harness as he passed away while working at his desk. We shall miss his interesting and entertaining write-up of the activities of the fraternal societies in the *Patriot Ledger*.

C. C. F.



FREEDOM'S EMBLEM

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Unbound America stands,
Under the greatest banner
That ever waved o'er man.

Beneath the stars and stripes
Is found no tyrant's rod,
Unfettered is our faith,
Our sacred trust in God.

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